

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended): Apparatus for stimulating healing of wounds which comprises an envelope for receiving an affected part of the body, said envelope including a substantially air-tight cover and porous pad within the cover, said pad being adapted to contact the wound surface, and connection means for connecting the interior of the envelope to a source of negative pressure, wherein said envelope is ~~Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the envelope comprises a glove, sock or sleeve.~~

Claim 3 (original): Apparatus as claimed in claim 2 which is intended for treating wounds to the hand and comprises a glove formed from a flexible plastics or rubber foam and an external cover of air-impermeable sheet material.

Claim 4 (original): Apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein the connection means comprises a tube which communicates with the foam within the cover.

Claim 5 (currently amended): Apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 2, wherein the cover has a re-sealable opening which permits the wound to be inspected at intervals.

Claim 6 (currently amended): Apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~  
claim 2, wherein the source of negative pressure is a suction pump.

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Claim 7 (currently amended): Apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~  
claim 2, which includes a canister for collecting wound exudate.

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